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SUBJ: LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA (LAPO)

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1. P&C OFFICER DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH " SOFIACONCERT" REPRESENTA-
TIVES TUES 16 MAR.SLATTER HAVE FOLLOWING COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

2. TRANSPORT OF PROPERTIES: DOES LAPO CARE WHETHER TRUCK
DEPARTS BELGRADE FOR SOFIA IMMEDIATELY AFTER LOADING FOLLOWING
DEC 3 CONCERT OR WAITS UNTIL FOLLOWING MORNING?

3. TRANSPORT OF COMPANY: ADDING SPECIAL CARS TO REGULAR
BELGRADE-SOFIA TRAIN IS NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE ARRANGED
AT LAST MOMENT, IF BAD WEATHER STYMIES AIR TRAVEL. " SOFIA-
CONCERT" WILL DETERMINE HOW MUCH NOTICE IS NEEDED TO ARRANGE
SPEICAL CARS. " SOFIACONCERT" AND WE PRESUMED LUNCH WOULD BE
PAID FROM FUNDS " YUGOCONCERT" IS PROVIDING LAPO. RESPONSIBILITIES
OF " SOFIACONCERT" DO NOT BEGIN UNTIL DINNER DEC 5, PER FLEISCHMANN-
COFMAN LETTER 10 NOV 76. (BELGRADE: WOULD WELCOME YOUR
COMMENTS ON MEETING OBJECTIONS TO TRAIN TRAVEL
(REFTEL, PARA 3).

4. PROGRAMS: " SOFIACONCERT" STRONGLY PREFERS BRAHMS
FOURTH SYMPHONY TO DVORAK SEVENTH AS SECOND PIECE FOR
DEC 6 CONCERT AND ASKS LAPO'S RECONSIDERATION OF THIS
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5. HOTELS: " SOFIACONCERT" WILL ATTEMPT PLACE ENTIRE COMPANY IN PARK MOWCOW HOTEL, BUT ONLY INFIRST CLASS (NOT LUXURY) SIDE OF HOTEL. THEY CANNOT GUARANTEE EVEN THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE.

6. PUBLICITY: " SOFIACONCERT" ASKS FOR AT LEAST TWO MORE COPIES OF PRESS GUIDE AND OTHER PRINTED PUBLICITY MATERIALS, PLUS PICTURES OF ORCHESTRA AND SOLOISTS (HARTH AND LEONARD) ASAP. THEY HAVE ONLY PICTURES OF MEHTA.

7. FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY: DOES "AT END OF EVENING CONCERT" (REF, PARA 6A) INCLUDE LAST FEW MEASURES OF MUSIC?

8. EMBASSY WILL BE REQUESTING NUMBER OF TICKETS FOR EACH CONCERT. WILL DEPT ESCORT AND/ OR LAPO PERSONNEL WISH ANY?
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